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are circumstances which are of no concern to the reader; and, therefore, as I am not disposed to waste either his time or my own, I cannot prevail upon myself to gratify an idle curiosity, by revealing matters which I have very particular reasons for concealing. It is sufficient to observe, that the aforesaid islands are called *Fortunate* or *Happy*, because the air is remarkably pure and healthful, the weather a'ways mild and temperate, and the soil extremely fruitful. This being the case, it is not to be wondered at, that the inhabitants are very lively, and together with a hale constitution enjoy a plenty, and, indeed, a superfluity of all the blessings of life: nor is a mild and well-ordered government (which it will not be our purpose to describe at present) to be reckoned the least of the many advantages with which Providence hath favoured them. As to their religion, they all profess themselves to be Christians: and though there are too many hypocrites there as well as in England, yet in general

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neral they are more virtuous and devout than I have observed to be on this side the water. It is true, that they have different parties there as well as we; but they are guilty of no perfidiousness, judging, that it is the greatest madness for people to rob or even murder one another. Sometimes happened in your country, they cannot see and that there is one circumstance which is somewhat particular, that if they know a man to be covetous or uncharitable, they will hoot and hollow after him in the street, crying out, "*Thou art a villain; there goes a Heathen*" their opinion is right enough, I thought I know, they may be mistaken in their behaviour. Such a lesson from whence I came, and all things considered, we